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SUBJECT: REYNOLDS GUYANA SETTLEMENT

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- 1. THERE FOLLOWS VERBATIM TEXT OF DEED OF RELEASE AGREED TO JAN 29 BETWEEN ATTORNEY GENERAL AND LLOYD LUCKHOO (FOR REYNOLDS).
- 2. BEGIN TEXT. THIS DEED MADE AND ENTERED INTO THIS (BLANK) DAY OF 1975. BY-
- (I) THE GOVT OF GUYANA ("THE GOVERNMENT");
- (II) REYNOLDS METALS COMPANY ("REYNOLDS");
- (III) REYNOLDS GUYANA MINES LIMITED "("REYNOLDS-GUYANA");
- (IV) THE OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION ("OPIC"),

AN AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

WHEREAS BY AN AGREEMENT DATED 31ST DECEMBER, 1974, MADE BETWEEN THE ABOVE PARTIES IT WAS PROVIED BY CLAUSE (7) THEREOF, AS FOLLOWS:-

"PENSIONS: ON CLOSING DATE, REYNOLDS SHALL PAY INTO A GUYANA PENSION TRUST ACCOUNT TO BE ESTABLISHED IN THE GUYANA NATIONAL UNCLASSIFIED

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CO-OPERATIVE BANK, THE AMOUNT OF US DOLS 574,000 (OF WHICH NO LESS

THAN US DOLS 559,000 SHALL BE FROM FUNDS NOT NOW ON DEPOSIT IN GUYANA) IN DISCHARGE OF ALL CLAIMS AND OBLIGATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH PAYMENT OF PENSIONS, SEVERANCE PAY, AND OTHER AMOUNS DUE EMPLOYEES. ON CLOSING DATE, THE GOVT SHALL CAUSE US DOLS 376,000 TO BE TRA

NSFERRED FROM THE ESCROW ACCOUNT TO SUCH TRUST AND SHALL BE CREDITED FROM THE SAID ACCOUNT WITH THE SUM OF US DOLS 40,000 IN RESPECT OF AMOUNTS PAID BY THE GOVT TO WORKERS WHO RECEIVE RETRENCHMNT NOTICES AND WHO WILL BE TREATED AS HAVING BEEN ON FULL-PAID LEAVE. THE GOVT SHALL EXECUTE AND DELIVER TO REYNOLDS IN APPROPRIATE FORM A GENERAL RELEASE AND AGREEMENT TO HOLD HARMLESS AND IDEMNIFY REYNOLDS AND REYNOLDS-GUYANA FOR ALL SUCH CLAIMS":

AND WHEREAS REYNOLDS HAS PAID THE SAID SUM OF US DOLS 574,000 INTO HE GUYANA NATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE BANK TO THE CRDIT OF A GUYANA PENSION TRUST ACCOUNT AS REQUIRED BY CLAUSE (7) OF THE ABOVE AGREEMENT;

AND WHEREAS THE GOVT HAS CAUSED US DOLS 376,000 TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE ESCROW ACCOUNT TO THE GUYANA NATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE BANK TO THE CREDIT OF A GUYANA PENSION TRUST ACCOUNT AS REQUIRED BY THE SAID CLAUSE 7, WHICH TRANSFER IS HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGED BY REYNOLDS AND REYNOLDS-GUYANA, MAKING WITH THE AFORESAID SUM OF US DOLS 574,000 A TOTAL CONTRIBUTION BY REYNOLDS OF US DOLS 950,000 TO THE SAID GUYANA PENSION TRUST ACCOUNT.

AND WHEREAS THE GOVT HAS BEEN CREDITED FROM THE SAID ESCROW ACCOUNT WITH THE SUM OF US DOLS 40,000 AS REQUIRED BY THE SAID CLAUSE 7, AND HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES HAVING BEEN SO CREDITED:

NOW THIS DEED WITNESSETH AS FOLLOWS:

1. IN PURSUANCE OF THE SAID AGREEMENT AND IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PAYMENT AND TRANSFER MADE AND THE CREDIT GIVEN AS AFORESAID, THE GOVT HEREBY RELEASES AND DISCHARGES REYNOLDS AND REYNOLDS-GUYANA, THEIR SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, FROM ALL ACTIONS, PROCEEDINGS, CLAIMS, ACCOUNTS, LIABILITIES AND DEMANDS IN RESPECT OF THE PAYMENT OF PENSIONS, SEVERANCE PAY ANDOTHER AMOUNTS DUE TO EMPLOYEES. UNCLASSIFIED

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2. IN FURTHER PURSUANCE OF THE SAIDAGREEMENT AND IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PAYMENT AND TRANSFER MADE AND THE CREDIT GIVEN AS AFORESAID, THE GOVT HEREBY COVENANTS THAT IT WILL HENCEFORTH KEEP INDEMNIFIED AND SAVE HARMLESS REYNOLDS AND REYNOLDS-GUYANA, THEIR SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS AND EACH OF THEM, FROM AND AGAINST ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS, ACTIONS, PROCEEDINGS (INCLUDING COSTS THEREOF), AND ACCOUNTS, IN RESPECT OF LIABILITIES FOR THE PAYMENT OF PENSIONS,

SEVERANCE PAY AND OTHER AMOUNTS DUE TO EMPLOYEES.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE PARTIES HERETO HAVE HEREUNTO SET THEIR HANDS AND SEALS. END TEXT.

- 3. SIGNATUREFORMULA READS, FOR EACH OF FOQA PARTIES, INCLUDING OPIC: QUOTE SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED BY (BLANK) IN THE PRESENCE OF: (BLANK) UNQUOTE, WITH SPACE FOR SIGNATURES OF TWO WITNESSES. LUCKHOO STATES FOUR ORIGINAL COPIES OF DEED TO BE FORWRDED TO US IN ORDER TO HAVE SEALS OF REYNOLDS METALS AND OPIC AFFIXED. I QUESTIONED NBKD FOR THIS FORMALITY AND HE SAID IT WAS A NECESSARY PROTECTION.
- 4. I CANNOT REACH EITHER LUCKHOO OR ATTORNEY GENERALUNTIL ABOUT 1300-1400 JAN 30 TO CONVEY MESSAGE ON AMENDMENT OF RELEASE.
 SUGGEST LANGUAGE TO INCORPORATE RELEASE OF OPIC LIABILITY
 TO BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN OP
 AND REYNOLDS AND PHONED TO
 LUCKHOO. OTHERWISE, DOUBT WE WILL MAKE CLOSING ON JAN 31. OUR
 OTHER APPROACH WOULD BE TO TELL REYNOLDS AND GOG THAT OPIC WILL NOT SIGN DEED UNLESS RELEASE RUNS TO OPIC AS WELL.
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